

REMARKS

All claims have been amended and replaced with new claims 53 to 59 in a sincere attempt to place the case in immediate condition for allowance. Claims 53 to 59 are based respectively on claims 35, 38 to 40, and 50 to 52, all of which were allowed or indicated allowable.

The allowance of claims 39 and 40 is noted as is the indication that claims 35, 38, and 50 to 52 contain allowable subject matter. All pending claims have been canceled and replaced with new claims based upon the allowed claims as well as rewriting claims 35, 38, 50, and 52 in independent form. The new claims also replace "transmitted" in claim 33 with "transitioned" to describe the change from a splay alignment to a bend alignment.

Some minor changes have been made in the specification and new Figs. 21a and b are presented depicting properly element 20 rather than element 13 which already appears in the drawing.

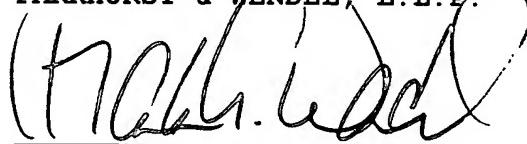
In view of the changes to the claims, the rejections of claims 33, 34, 36, and 37 are moot and the case is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance.

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The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned if additional changes are required in the case prior to formal allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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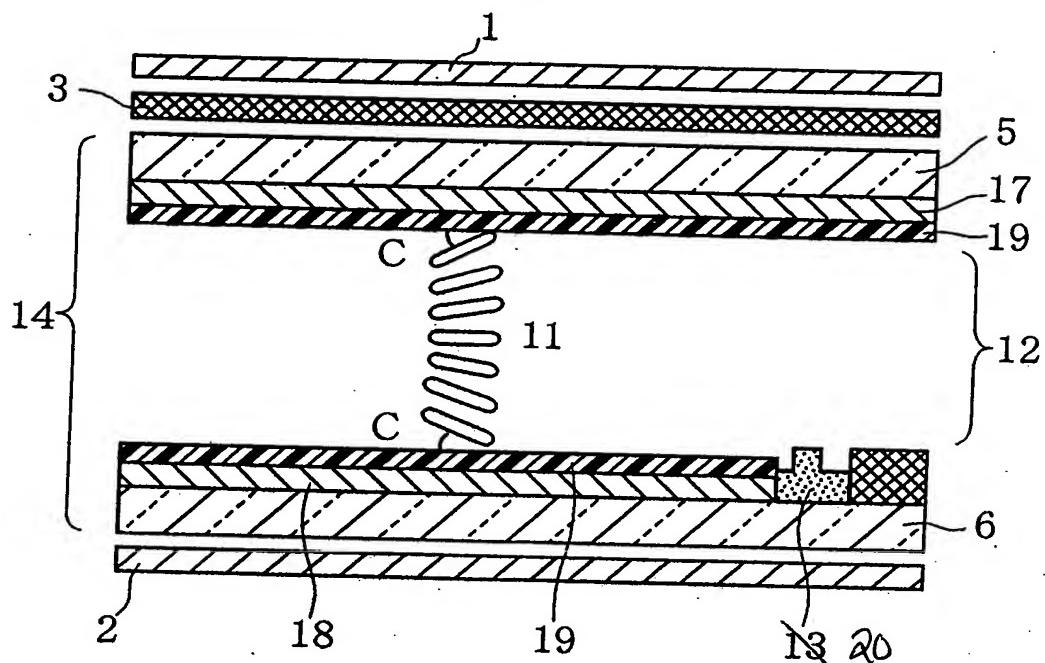
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Fig. 21

(a)



(b)

